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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAMES J. BENEDICT ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/748,038

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: METHOD OF PROMOTING NATURAL
BYPASS

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

Attorney Docket: 2103.013900/RFE
(SBI-042-CIP)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed
on June 14, 2005.

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

iii. ☒ Other: Request for Extension of Time filed June 14, 2005.

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other:

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| Miscellaneous |
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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**).

b. ☐ Other _____

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| Fees |
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 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786 if check missing or insufficient.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____.

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed

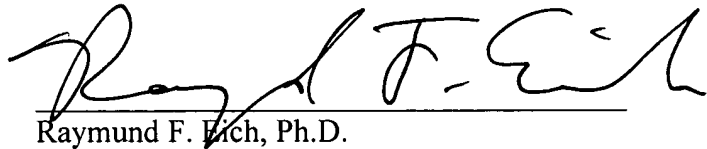
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Respectfully submitted,

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June 16, 2005

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